

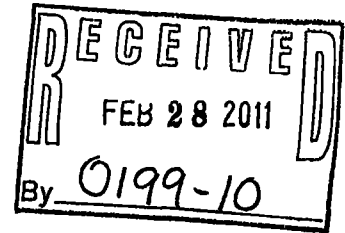
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 1
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Boston, MA 02109-3912



Re: STB Docket No. AB-1043 (Sub-No. 2)
Montréal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd.
--Abandonment Exemption--
In Aroostook County, Maine

Dear Sir/Madam:

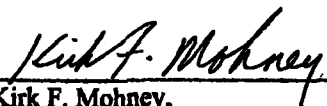
I represent Montréal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd. ("MMA"). MMA plans to file a Petition for Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") on or about March 22, 2011 seeking authority to abandon approximately .4 miles of rail line in Van Buren, Maine between milepost V 23.72 (Bridge Street) and milepost V 24.12 (Main Street), which is part of the Van Buren Subdivision (the "Line"). Attached is a Combined Environmental and Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historic effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the STB's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis ("SEA"), Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423, (202) 245-0245, and refer to the above Docket No.

Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to SEA (with a copy to the undersigned) would be appreciated within 3 weeks. Your comments will be considered by the STB in evaluating the environmental and historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action.

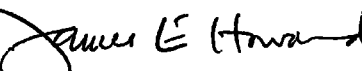
If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact the undersigned at (617) 886-9322 or by mail at the above address.

Based on the information submitted, I have concluded that there will be no historic properties affected by the proposed undertaking, as defined by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Consequently, pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1), no further Section 106 consultation is required unless additional resources are discovered during project implementation pursuant to 36 CFR 800.13.


Kirk F. Mohney,
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Maine Historic Preservation Commission

3/2/11
Date

Very truly yours,


James E. Howard